

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 21-36 are pending.

Claim 1. (Previously amended) A pharmaceutical composition for enteral administration comprising at least one anti-HIV drug and a cortisol blocker comprising procaine HCl, zinc heptahydrate, and ascorbic acid.

Claim 2 (Previously amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said anti-HIV drug is selected from the group consisting of DDC, DDI, D4T, 3TC, saquinavir, ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, nevirapine, delavirdine, abacavir, efavirenz, adefavir, BCH 10652, FTC, MKC-442, and Bis-POC-PMPA.

Claim 3. (Previously amended) The composition according to claim 2 wherein said anti-HIV drug comprises at least two anti-HIV drugs.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition is in the form of a powder, liquid, tablet, capsule, pill, suppository, nasal spray, nasal drops, candy or gel cap.

Claims 6-9. (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Previously amended) A method for the treatment of a human immunodeficiency virus infected patient, the method comprising enterally administering to the patient at least one anti-HIV drug and a cortisol blocker comprising procaine HCl, zinc heptahydrate, and ascorbic acid.

Claim 11. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 10 wherein said anti-HIV drug is selected from the group comprising DDC, DDI, D4T, 3TC, saquinavir, ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, nevirapine, delavirdine, abacavir, efavirenz, adefavir, BCH 10652, FTC, MKC-442, and Bis-POC-PMPA.

Claim 12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein said anti-HIV drug comprises at least two anti-HIV drugs.

Claim 14. (Original) The method according to claim 10 wherein the anti-HIV drug and cortisol blocker are in admixture and are in the form of a powder, tablet, suppository, nasal spray, nasal drop, liquid, capsule, pill or gel cap.

Claims 15-20. (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the cortisol blocker is present in an amount of between about 100 mg and about 2.0 g.

Claim 22. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the cortisol blocker is present in an amount of between about 500 mg and about 1.0 g.

Claim 23. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the cortisol blocker is present in an amount of between about 750 mg and about 1.0 g.

Claim 24. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of procaine HCl to zinc heptahydrate to ascorbic acid ranges from about 40:1:2 to about 160:1:3.

Claim 25. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of anti-HIV drug to cortisol blocker ranges from about 1:20 to 20:1.

Claim 26. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of anti-HIV drug to cortisol blocker ranges from about 1:5 to 5:1.

Claim 27. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of anti-HIV drug and cortisol blocker ranges from about 0.1 g to 10 g.

Claim 28. (Previously added) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of anti-HIV drug and cortisol blocker ranges from about 0.5 g to 5 g.

Claim 29. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the cortisol blocker is administered in an amount of between about 100 mg and about 2.0 g per day.

Claim 30. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the cortisol blocker is administered in an amount of between about 500 mg and about 1.0 g per day.

Claim 31. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the cortisol blocker is administered in an amount of between about 750 mg and about 1.0 g per day.

Claim 32. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the weight ratio of procaine HCl to zinc heptahydrate to ascorbic acid ranges from about 40:1:2 to about 160:1:3.

Claim 33. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the weight ratio of anti-HIV drug to cortisol blocker ranges from about 1:20 to 20:1.

Claim 34. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the weight ratio of anti-HIV drug to cortisol blocker ranges from about 1:5 to 5:1.

Claim 35. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the amount of anti-HIV drug and cortisol blocker ranges from about 0.1 g to 10 g per day.

Claim 36. (Previously added) The method of claim 10, wherein the amount of anti-HIV drug and cortisol blocker ranges from about 0.5 g to 5 g per day.